IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

		Re: D.I. 2256
	Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
BIG LOTS, INC., et al.,1		Case No. 24-11967 (JKS)
In re:		Chapter 11

CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING NOTICE OF FILING OF TWENTY-SECOND POST-CLOSING DESIGNATION NOTICE

The undersigned counsel to the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "**Debtors**") hereby certify as follows:

- 1. On January 2, 2025, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (I) Approving the Asset Purchase Agreement, (II) Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Certain of the Debtors'*Assets Free and Clear of All Claims, Liens, Rights, Interests, Encumbrances, and Other Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances, (III) Authorizing and Approving the Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [D.I. 1556] (the "Sale Order").²
- 2. On March 17, 2025, pursuant to the Sale Order, the Debtors filed the *Notice* of *Twenty-Second Post-Closing Designation Notice* [D.I. 2256] (the "**Notice**"). Attached as

The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective employer identification numbers, are as follows: Great Basin, LLC (6158); Big Lots, Inc. (9097); Big Lots Management, LLC (7948); Consolidated Property Holdings, LLC (0984); Broyhill LLC (7868); Big Lots Stores - PNS, LLC (5262); Big Lots Stores, LLC (6811); BLBO Tenant, LLC (0552); Big Lots Stores - CSR, LLC (6182); CSC Distribution LLC (8785); Closeout Distribution, LLC (0309); Durant DC, LLC (2033); AVDC, LLC (3400); GAFDC LLC (8673); PAFDC LLC (2377); WAFDC, LLC (6163); INFDC, LLC (2820); Big Lots eCommerce LLC (9612); and Big Lots F&S, LLC (3277). The address of the debtors' corporate headquarters is 4900 E. Dublin-Granville Road, Columbus, OH 43081.

² Capitalized terms not defined herein are used as defined in the Sale Order.

Exhibit A to the Notice was the *Notice of Designation of Designated Asset* from Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("GBRP") that designated fifteen of the Debtors' unexpired leases of nonresidential real property (the "Leases" on the "Lease Schedule") for assumption by the Debtors and assignment to the Tractor Supply Company or an affiliate thereof ("TSC"), and identified the landlord associated with each Lease (collectively, the "Landlords").

- 3. Attached as <u>Exhibit C</u> to the Notice was a proposed form of order (the "**Proposed Order**") approving the assumption and assignment for the Leases scheduled on the Lease Schedule and the Cure Costs were set forth on Exhibit B to the Notice.
- 4. Pursuant to the Notice, objections to the assumption and assignment of the Leases were to be filed no later than March 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. (ET).
- 5. To date, the Debtors, GBRP and TSC have not received comments or objections, formally or informally, from landlords for fourteen of the designated Leases set forth on the Notice (the "CNO Leases"). The landlord for the one remaining Lease (the "Moline Lease") commented informally to the proposed form of order and the parties have agreed on a revised form of order for the Moline Lease (the "Revised Order").
- 6. The Debtors, GBRP, TSC and the Moline Lease Landlord now request that the Court enter the Revised Order, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, solely with respect to the Moline Lease. For the convenience of the Court and all parties in interest, a redline comparing the Revised Order for the Moline Lease to the Proposed Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Revised Order at its earliest convenience.

Dated: April 8, 2025

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